Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system programmed to:

receive a first digital scale configuration input from a first user, via a first remote user client computer device of a plurality of remote client computer devices, wherein said first digital scale configuration input corresponds to regarding a first digital scale configured with the first remote user client computer device, wherein the first digital scale configuration input comprises at least one item of scale configuration information that is selected from a group consisting of: (A) a make of the first digital scale, (B) a model of the first digital scale, and (C) a type of port through which the first digital scale communicates with the first remote user client computer device, and wherein each remote user client computer device of the plurality of remote user client computer devices accesses the shipping management computer system via a communications network;

receive an indication from the first user, via the first remote user client computer device, that the first digital scale will be used to measure a first weight of a first parcel;

send an instruction, according to information about the make and model of the first digital scale, to the first digital scale, via the first remote user client computer device, to measure the first weight of the first parcel; and

receive, via the first remote user client computer device, the first weight measured by the first digital scale.

2.   (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

receive a second weight, from ~~communicated by~~ a second remote user client computer device via the ~~global~~ communications network, wherein the second remote user client computer device is configured with a second digital scale, ~~and~~ wherein the second weight corresponds to a weight of a second package, and wherein the second weight has been determined by using the second digital scale to weigh the second package.

3.   (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

use the first weight to calculate at least one shipping rate for shipping the first parcel.

4.   (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

(A) send a request to the first digital scale, via the first remote user client computer device, to measure the first weight of the first parcel and to provide a notification that a measurement of the first weight is stabilized;

(B) repeat step (A) until the notification that the measurement of the first weight is stabilized is received.

5.   (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

use the first weight to calculate at least one shipping rate for shipping the first parcel; and

display the at least one shipping rate on a first display device configured with the first remote user client computer device.

Claim 6.   (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

receiving an input from a first user, via a first remote access system executing on a first remote user client computer device, wherein the first remote access system is adapted to retrieve and render hyper-media content from one or more computers via a global communications network, wherein said input compris[[ing]]es: (A) a make of a digital scale configured with the first remote user client computer device, (B) a model of the digital scale, and (C) a type of port through which the digital scale communicates with the first remote user client computer device;

receiving an indication from the first user, via the first remote user client computer deviceaccess system, that the digital scale configured with the first remote user client computer device will be used to measure a weight of a parcel;

sending a request, via the first remote access system, to the digital scale to measure the weight of the parcel according to information about the make and model of the digital scale;

receiving, via the first remote access system, a stream of data from the digital scale; and

translating the stream of data into a set of scale communication information according to the make and model of the digital scale, wherein the set of scale communication information comprises the weight measured by the digital scale.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, said method further comprising:

using the weight to calculate at least one shipping rate for shipping the parcel.

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9.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 8, said method further comprising:

sending displaying the at least one shipping rate, via the first remote access system, for display on a display device configured with the first remote user client computer device.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, said method further comprising:

using the weight to calculate a first shipping rate for shipping the parcel via a first delivery service offered by a first carrier;

using the weight to calculate a second shipping rate for shipping the parcel via a second delivery service offered by the first carrier; and

using the weight to calculate a third shipping rate for shipping the parcel via a third delivery service offered by a second carrier.

11.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10, said method further comprising:

sending, via the first remote access system, displaying the first shipping rate, the second shipping rate, and the third shipping rate, for display on a display device configured with the first remote user client computer device.

Claim 12.   (Cancelled).

13.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, said computer program product comprising computer executable instructions to, for each particular one of a plurality of remote user client computer devices:

(A) receive, via a set of browser software executing on said a particular remote user client computer device of the plurality of remote

user client computer devices, an indication from a particular user
associated with the particular remote user client computer device that a
digital scale configured with the particular remote user client computer
device will be used to measure a weight of a particular parcel, wherein
said digital scale is of a particular make and model, and wherein said
digital scale is configured with the remote user client computer device via
a particular type of port, wherein the set of browser software is adapted to
retrieve and render hyper-media content from one or more computers via
a global communications network; and

      (B) send, according to information about the particular make and
model of the digital scale, via the set of browser software a global
communications network, instructions to the particular remote user client
computer device to:

          (1) receive a weight of a particular parcel as measured by
the digital scale; and

          (2) communicate the weight of the particular parcel to the
shipping management computer system.

14.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein
said computer program product further comprises computer executable
instructions for receiving, via the set of browser software said global
communications network, a respective package weight from each of said the
particular plurality of remote user client computer device[[s]].

15.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein
said computer program product further comprises computer executable
instructions to, for each respective one of said plurality of remote user client
computer devices:

      receive, via the set of browser software said global communications
network, a respective parcel weight from the particular said respective

remote user client computer device, wherein ~~said respective~~ the parcel weight ~~being associated with~~ corresponds to a ~~respective~~ particular parcel; and

use ~~said respective~~ the parcel weight to calculate at least one ~~respective~~ shipping rate for shipping ~~said respective~~ the particular parcel.

16.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein said computer program product further comprises computer executable instructions to~~, for each respective one of said plurality of remote user client computer devices~~:

receive, via the set of browser software~~said global communications network~~, a ~~respective~~ parcel weight from ~~said respective~~ the particular remote user client computer device, wherein the ~~said respective~~ parcel weight ~~being associated with~~ corresponds to a ~~respective~~ particular parcel;

~~use said respective parcel weight to calculate at least one respective shipping rate for shipping said respective parcel;~~ and

use [[said]]the ~~respective~~ parcel weight to calculate:

(A) a ~~respective~~ first shipping rate for shipping the ~~respective~~ particular parcel via a first delivery service offered by a first carrier;

(B) a respective second shipping rate for shipping the ~~respective~~ particular parcel via a second delivery service offered by the first carrier; and

(C) a respective third shipping rate for shipping the ~~respective~~ particular parcel via a third delivery service offered by a second carrier.

17.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein said computer program product further comprises computer executable

instructions to, for each respective one of said plurality of remote user client computer devices:

receive, via the set of browser software said global communications network, a respective parcel weight from said respective the particular remote user client computer device, wherein the [[said]] respective parcel weight being associated with corresponds to a respective particular parcel;

use said respective parcel weight to calculate at least one respective shipping rate for shipping said respective parcel; and

use [[said]]the respective parcel weight to calculate:

(A) a respective first shipping rate for shipping the respective particular parcel via a first delivery service offered by a first carrier;

(B) a respective second shipping rate for shipping the respective particular parcel via a second delivery service offered by the first carrier; and

(C) a respective third shipping rate for shipping the respective particular parcel via a third delivery service offered by a second carrier; and

send, via the set of browser software, the display said respective first shipping rate, [[said]]the respective second shipping rate, and [[said]]the respective third shipping rate, for display on a respective display device configured with the respectiveparticular remote user client computer device.

Claim 18.   (Cancelled).